

BLAMES IMMIGRATION FOR OVERFLOW OF IDLE

Declaring that more than 75,000 workers are now idle in Illinois, Edwin R. Wright, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, yesterday sent a communication to the bureau of immigration, asking a federal investigation of the causes of unemployment.

It is urged that the flood of immigration be diverted from this state. A similar letter will be sent to each of the Illinois representatives in congress, asking for more stringent immigration laws.

In his letter to the immigration department Mr. Wright said:

Work is far from plentiful and the indications point to a still further increase of idleness.

Your department seems to consider Illinois one of the centers for the dumping of enormous numbers of newly arrived immigrants. This appears to be a reasonable conclusion, as two-thirds of the public school children in Chicago are the offspring of foreign-born parents.

The trade unions of Illinois do not necessarily object to foreign-speaking workers when coming here for the purpose of founding a home for families, but we do object to the breaking down of our institutions by the constant oversupply of the labor market with alien labor.

We respectfully submit that it is neither fair to the workers already established here nor to the foreigner seeking the best place to locate.

We will welcome an investigation as to the unemployment in Illinois.

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As felt by the tired little cash girl.

Ever Notice It?

"You may say what you like!"

From a woman's oft heard;

Then she keeps on, by jing,

So you can't say a word.

—Boston Evening Transcript.

Hiram Johnson is taking the placing of official advertising into his own hands and the organs of "the interests" in California are howling so that you can't hear the four-legged cayotes.

A man out looking for sympathy gets to be awful careless of the truth.